THE TWO PETITIONS OF THE County of Buckingham:

As they were presented to both Houses, by *Knights*, *Esquires*, *Captaines*, and *Gentlemen*, with a very great number of *Freeholders*, being the true Copy as it was presented to the Houses of PARLIAMENT, *January* 11. 1641.

AS ALSO

The humble Petition of the *Marriners* and *Sea-men*, Inhabitants in and about the ports of *London*, and the River *Thames*.

Together with

The Petition of the foure Innes of COURT.

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The humble Petition of the Gentlemen of the foure Innes of Court, to the Houſe of COMMONS.

THat you will be pleaſed to reflect upon the Honourable ſervice of God, to behold him in his Throne and dignity, that thereby the poore Proteſtants of this Kingdome, between the two extremities of zeale, may not ſuffer a diſtraction in Religion.

That you will be pleaſed to ſerve Gods annointed, his immediate Vice-gerent, our true and lawfull Soveraigne Lord the King, in his perſon and all his Regall dignities and lawfull immunities, without any impeachment of his Regality, in whoſe honour the reputation of the three Kingdomes depend,

That you will be pleaſed to ratifie and confirme all things, both concerning his Majeſty and the ſtate of this Kingdome, as they were in thoſe bleſſed daies of Qu. *Elizabeth*, and K. *Iames*, that we may thereby live in theſe latter and turbulent times with as much peace to our conſciences, with as much dignity to our Nation, in as true love and obedience to our lawfull Soveraigne, and with as much libertie and liberality of our fortunes, as our fore-fathers heretofore have done.

That you will not ſuffer learning to be defaced, nor diſcountenanced by the ignorant, but rather that you will be pleaſed to advance it to its dignity, it being the maine ſupporter of lawfull obedience, of Order, civility, and regularity in all ſorts.

That you will be pleaſed to qualifie the exorbitances of the Separatiſts and diſorderly perſons, that thereby the City of London, and the Suburbs, may be disburthened from their continuall care and feares, beſides their loſſe of time, health, and fortunes, which by their Trainbands, double and treble Watches and wards they continually doe ſuſtaine.

That you will be pleaſed, as the State by election hath made you members of this Honourable Houſe, and adopted you our Fathers, to governe our Fortunes, to eſtabliſh our Lawes, and to regulate our actions; So we now beſeech you, to ſatisfie our conſciences, to preſerve our reputations, and to admit of a liberall and free diſcourſe in Parliament concerning all theſe particulars without interruption or feare of puniſhment, that thereby the glory of God may be exalted, the dignity of our King and Kingdom may be preſerved, the Immunities of your Houſe, according to the ancient Cuſtome of England continued, all precipitated tumults appeaſed, and all diſcords amongſt us peaceably united, the valiant and renowned Actions of our Predeceſſors revived, our tottering Fortunes eſtabliſhed, our King and Kingdomes united, that ſo our minds and conſciences may be fully ſatisfied.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes, of the Houſe of COMMONS, now aſſembled in PARLIAMENT.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of BVCKINGHAM,

Sheweth,

THat whereas for many yeers paſt we have been under very great preſſures (which are cleerly ſet forth in the late Remonſtrance of the *Houſe of Commons*; the redreſſe thereof which hath for a long time been by you endeavoured with unwearied paines, though not with anſwerable ſucceſſe, having ſtill your endeavours fruſtrated or retarded, and we deprived of the fruit thereof, by a malignant faction of Popiſh Lords, Biſhops and others, and now of late, to take from us all that little hope was left of a future Reformation: the very being of the PARLIAMENT ſhaken

ſhaken, and by the miſchievous practiſes of moſt wicked Counſellors, the priviledges thereof broken in an unexampled manner, and the members thereof unaſſured of their lives, in whoſe ſafety, the ſafety of us and our poſterity is involved. We held it our duty, according to our late Proteſtation to defend and maintaine the ſame perſons and priviledges, to the utmoſt expence of our lives and eſtates.

To which purpoſe we are now come to make the humble tender of our ſervice, and remaine in expectation of your Command and Order; to the execution whereof, we ſhall with all alacrity addreſſe our ſelves, ready to live by you, or to die at your feet, againſt whomſoever ſhall in any ſort illegally attempt upon you.

MAy it therefore pleaſe this Honourable Aſſembly to aſſiſt the ardent prayer of your poore Petitioners, that Popiſh Lords and Biſhops may be forthwith outed the Houſe of Peeres, that all priviledges of PARLIAMENT (Yours and our poſterities inheritance) may be confirmed to you, and that all evill Counſellors, the *Achans* of this Common-wealth, may be given up to the hand of Iuſtice; without all which your petitioners have not the leaſt hope of Iſraels peace, or to reap thoſe glorious advantages, which the fourteene moneths ſeed-time of Your unparalleld endeavours hath given to their unſatisfied expectations.

So your Petitioners will be bound to pray, &c.

To the Right Honourable the House of PEERES now assembled in PARLIAMENT.

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of BUCKINGHAM,

Sheweth,

THat whereas wee hoped upon the happy assembly of this present *Parliament* we should have had a speedy redresse of those great pressures, we had for many yeares beene under, but have hitherto beene in great measure frustrate of our hopes by the strange Counterworking of a malignant faction, whereby the perfecting of Reformation is hindered, the endeavours of the *House of Commons*, in great part successeleſſe, our dangers growne upon us by iterated plots, Priests and other delinquents unpunished, to the encouragement of others, *Ireland* neer lost by protracted Counsels, while Thousands are there butchered by immane cruelties, and to cut off all hopes of future reformation, the very being of our *Parliaments* indangered by desperate and unexampled breach of Privi-

Priviledges, which by our Protestation lately taken we are bound with our lives and estates to maintaine; And in respect of that late attempt upon the Honourable *House of Commons*, we are now come to offer our service to that end, as resolved in their just defence to live and dye.

AND do therefore humbly pray, that this most Honourable *House* will cooperate with the house of *Commons*, in most speedy perfecting the most necessary worke of Reformation, bringing to condigne and exemplary punishment both wicked Counsellors and other plotters and delinquents: That *Ireland* may be speedily relieved, the Priviledges of *Parliament* fortified against all future attempts, And the whole Kingdome put into such a present posture of defence, that we may be safe both from all practises of the malignant party at home, and the endeavours of any ill affected States abroad,

And they shall pray, &c.

FINIS.

To the Honorable, the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes of the *Commons*, aſſembled in Parliament.

The humble Petition of the Marriners and Sea-men, Inhabitants, in, and about the Ports of London, *and the Rivere of* Thames,

Shewing,

THat they with all ſubmiſſe acknowledgment do conjoyne with the Citizens and common Counſell-men of London, in the Petition lately preſented to this Honourable Aſſembly, in their hearty thankfulneſſe for the great paines and care taken by you, in ſeeking out the roote and remedies of thoſe monſtrous evils of late happening to both Church and Common-wealth; which although it hath not taken that full effect, which was by you deſired, Yet your endeavours was not thereby leſſened, nor are any way (we hope) diſcouraged.

As the preſſures of the Kingdome are many, ſo are they weighty, and at large expreſſed in your late Remonſtrance; amongſt which, as thoſe your Petitioners are moſt ſenſible of (and they, their wives and children, too heavily feele the burthen of) is the decay of Trade, and lying ſtill of the Ships, which hath occaſioned many Sea-men to leave this land, and ſeeke employment in other Countries, Men being at ſuch a ſtraight that they durſt not adventure their ſhips, nor eſtates in forraigne parts, in regard things are not as yet ſetled, neither in England nor Ireland, and that the Papiſts remaine as ſtout, ſtrong, and inſolent, as formerly, Which under favour they conceive to ariſe, by reaſon of the continuance of the Vote of the Popiſh Lords and Biſhops in the Houſe of Peeres. Your Petitioners having had ſad experience by their Travels in Forreigne parts, what evils and miſeries, that Religion, and men of thoſe ſpirits have brought forth, which doth juſtly occaſion your Petitioners, utterly to abominate and abhorre their Religion, and moſt unjuſt practiſes.

From which grounds the Petitioners cannot omit to repreſent unto you the great terrors, and feares, and diſtractions that they lie under, of a ſudden ſurpriſe by their bloudy hands, by meanes whereof, the trading of the City and Kingdome is much more of late decayed, then it hath beene for many yeares paſt; no man following his trade cheerefully, whileſt the lives of himſelfe, and family, and the publique ſafety of the Kingdome are in jeopardy, and whiles he knoweth not how

how ſoone they may feele the like cruelty and inhumanity from the Papiſts, and their adherents, as thoſe in Ireland have done: which if ever it ſhall happen; This Honorable Aſſembly muſt expect to have a deepe ſhare in the malice and cruelty, againſt whom they have already by themſelves, and their abettors endeavoured to raiſe a diſ-reſpect in the hearts of the people to divide between the Kings Majeſty and the Parliament.

To the end therefore, that the deſtructive plots of the Papiſts and their adherents may be defeated, the ground of their hopes, and inſolences removed, conſiderable forces with expedition ſent to ſubdue thoſe abominable and bloudy Rebels in Ireland, The petitioners freed from their feares, incouraged in their calling, and in due time obtaine their wonted imployments and traffique, the want whereof, cauſeth the whole land to mourne.

It is humbly prayed, that you will vouchſafe to be a meanes to the Kings Majeſty, and Houſe of Peeres, that life may be given to your good endeavours, by their concurrence with you in the puniſhment of delinquents, and redreſſing the preſſures and grievances in the Church and Common-wealth: And for the better effecting hereof, that the Popiſh Lords and Biſhops, may be removed out of the Houſe of Peeres, as was deſired in the preſence of divers of this Honorable Aſſembly, by the repreſentative body of the City of London, in Guildhall.

And the Petitioners who wel know that their own ſafeties are wrapt up in yours, ſhall not faile to put up dayly prayers to Almighty God for your good ſucceſſe, and maintaine and defend to the utmoſt hazard of their lives and eſtates, according to the late Proteſtation, the Kings Majeſty, and High Court of Parliament, againſt all wicked Councels and malignant oppoſers, or that endeavour, by ſecret plots, or open force, to prejudice the one or the other: And to make diviſion between his Majeſty and the Parliament, whom God, and the lives of the Commons, have united into ſo neere a relation. And it is not unknown unto your Honours, that upon any forraigne invaſion, or enterpriſes, your Petitioners eſtates and lives muſt be formoſt.

And your Petitioners ſhall every pray, &c.

This Petition was ſubſcribed by many thouſands, and preſented to the Committee of the Honourable Houſe of Commons at Grocers-Hall, 8. *January* 1641.